

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application to renew Groundwater Discharge Permit NEV40027 for a discharge from:

MINDEN-GARDNERVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT
MINDEN-GARDNERVILLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
US HIGHWAY 395
LATITUDE: 38° 57' 57" NORTH
LONGITUDE: 119° 47' 52" WEST
MINDEN, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA 89423

The Minden-Gardnerville Wastewater Treatment Facility treats sanitary wastes to secondary treatment standards using primary and secondary treatment prior to chlorine disinfection. Odor control is achieved by chemically scrubbing and/or biofiltering odorous gases, and additional odor control measures are currently in the planning stages. The existing system is designed to operate at a maximum capacity of 3.1 million gallons per day and discharges treated effluent to storage reservoirs prior to distribution for reuse irrigation. The proposed permit is for continued discharge of treated effluent to irrigation fields, and upon issuance, the permit will remain in effect for a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to re-issue the permit to discharge, subject to certain and specific effluent limitations and a series of special conditions. Persons wishing to comment upon or request a hearing, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code-Water Pollution Control, regarding the proposed Administrative determination(s), should submit their comments or requests, in writing, to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Comments or objections must be received within the 30-day comment period, which begins on the date of this publication. Comments or requests postmarked or received via facsimile or email before **5:00 PM on June 24, 2003** will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. Public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date. If a hearing is not held and the determination(s) of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Tamara Pelham at the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9434; facsimile: 775.687.4684; or email: tpelham@ndep.nv.gov. Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.